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RE: DHS FOIA APPEAL 2018-HQAP-00187

Dear Ms. Best:

This letter is in response to several emails you have sent our office concerning your appeal of the Department of Homeland Security's response to your FOIA request 2018-HQFO-00421 and FOIA Appeal 2018-HQAP-00187.

Pursuant to a memorandum of agreement, the United States Coast Guard Office of the Chief Administrative Law Judge reviews FOIA appeals for the Department of Homeland Security General Counsel's office. Therefore, the Office of the Chief Administrative Law Judge renders the official appeal decisions on behalf of the Department of Homeland Security.

Our office issued a final decision on your appeal on September 27, 2018, upholding the Agency's determination. It is unclear from your subsequent emails what, specifically, you are seeking. To the extent you are asking for reconsideration, the September 27, 2018 determination was final agency action and your request is denied. If you were writing to express your disagreement with the determination, you may exercise your appeal rights which were clearly set out in the letter you received. To reiterate, you may seek judicial review of this decision pursuant to 5 U.S.C. §552(a)(4)(B) in United States District Court for either: 1) the district where you reside; 2) the district where the agency records are situated; or 3) the District of Columbia. You may also contact the Office of Government Information Services (OGIS) at ogis@nara.gov or 1-877-684-6448 if you wish to pursue mediation as a non-exclusive alternative to litigation.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Heather L. MacClintock".

Heather L. MacClintock
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Copy: Bradley White, Director of FOIA Appeals and Litigation
Sent: Via email to the above address